

24.01 FAR Final Review

You finished your FAR Course...now what?

A quick guide to the final days leading up to, and following, the CPA exam

I. FINAL REVIEW

Now is the time to make connections and solidify your understanding of the topics you found most challenging, and to review the most heavily tested topics on the exam.

- ☐ Review your SmartPath data to ensure you have hit all targets. Revisit any areas marked "Needs Improvement."
- ☐ Reread your course notes and review your digital flash cards.
- ☐ If it is included in your program package, use the Cram Course to do a final review of the most heavily tested topics.
- ☐ Take at least one Full CPA Practice Exam in your QBank to hone your test-taking skills in an environment that follows the same 5-testlet, 4-hour structure of the exam.
- ☐ Checkout an AICPA Sample Test at www.cpa-exam.org to familiarize yourself with the exam format and welcome (instruction) screens.

II. DAY OF THE EXAM

- ☐ Get a good night's rest before heading into your exam.
- ☐ Arrive to the Prometric testing center at least 60 minutes before your appointment so you have time to park, check-in, and use the restroom before your exam begins.
- ☐ Bring your Notice to Schedule (NTS) and two forms of acceptable identification (see Intro for more details).
- ☐ Proceed through check-in: store belongings, get fingerprinted, have photo taken, sign log book, get seated, write your Launch Code (from your NTS) on your noteboard.
- ☐ Don't stress. You've prepared for this; now, just breathe and power through!

III. DURING THE EXAM

- ☐ Remember your FAR Exam time strategy, and jot down the times at which you want to be at your benchmarks:
 - o FAR includes calculations
 - o Allocate 80 seconds per multiple choice question as a benchmark
 - o Allocate 15-25 minutes per task-based simulation, depending on complexity
 - o Plan to use no more than 10 minutes per research question
 - o Take the standard 15-minute break after the 3rd testlet – it does not count against your time
 - o (Remember that any other break will count against your time)

FAR: 4 Hour Exam					
Testlet 1	Testlet 2	Testlet 3	Break	Testlet 4	Testlet 5
33 MCQs	33 MCQs	2 TBSs		3 TBSs	3 TBSs
45 min	45 min	30 min		60 min	60 min

- ☐ You will be given 10 minutes to review the welcome screens and exam instructions. You should already be familiar with these screens after taking the AICPA Sample Test and can bypass them during your exam.
- ☐ Once you begin testing, make sure to read each question carefully, paying close attention to the keywords that dictate the question's intention (eg *except, is greater than, always, never*).
- ☐ Take note if your questions are getting more difficult. That's a good sign! A progressively harder exam indicates that you are performing well.

IV. AFTER THE EXAM

- ☐ Remember, it is normal to not feel great afterwards. It's a tough exam and designed to challenge your confidence and competencies.
- ☐ Relax and celebrate! You've earned it.
- ☐ Your scores will be released within a couple of weeks.
- ☐ GOOD LUCK!!!